

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lipsey.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lemmons, III.

Chairman Drolet laid **HR 82** before the committee:

HR 82	Caswell	A resolution to express support for the Republic of China on Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and the World Health Assembly.
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TESTIMONY

David Marvin, from Representative Caswell's office, submitted a card in support of the resolution and did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HR 82** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Tobocman**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lipsey,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 5903** and **HB 5904** before the committee:

HB 5903	Hoogendyk	Higher education; admission; enrollment of high school students as full-time students in certain community colleges and universities; allow and provide grant program.
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HB 5904 Palmer Higher education; admission; enrollment in certain community colleges and universities under Michigan accelerated college education act; waive high school compulsory attendance requirement for participants.

TESTIMONY

Representative Hoogendyk, sponsor of HB 5903, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Palmer, sponsor of HB 5904, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. MaryAnne Shannon, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.

Bob Colby, representing Huron Intermediate School District (ISD), testified indicating he had concerns with the bills.

Tambra Craven, representing herself, testified in support of HB 5903 and submitted written testimony.

Isaac Morehouse, from Representative Drolet's office, testified in support of HB 5903.

Bob Morris, Legislative Director, Michigan Department of Education, testified in opposition to the bills.

Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Advisor, Michigan Department of Education, testified in opposition to the bills in their current form.

Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan Department of Education, submitted written testimony.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Joyce Phelps, representing the Michigan Education Association, opposes HB 5904.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, opposes the bills.

Brad Biladean, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, opposes the bills.

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), opposes the bills.

Brendan Ringlever, representing the Michigan Community Colleges Association, supports the bills.

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools, Allegan, Van Buren, Huron, Tuscola, Bay-Arenac and Traverse City public schools, opposes the bills.

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), opposes the bills.

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, opposes the bills.

Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District (ISD), opposes the bills.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 5903** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons,
Nays: None,
Pass: Representatives Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

Representative Garfield moved to report **HB 5904** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons,
Nays: None,
Pass: Representatives Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the minutes of the **April 18, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Lipsey moved to excused Representative Lemmons, III from committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Emmons**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
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1 Hour 31 Minutes